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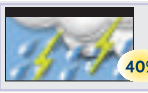

Province takes over ambulance services

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

Alberta's new health super board will take all ambulance services away from cities and municipalities, said Health Minister Ron Liepert during a surprise announcement at the Legislature yesterday.

The Tory government originally promised to make the move three years ago after years of studies and reports, but the decision was delayed after yearly costs soared well over an original $55 million estimate.

Liepert says plan has been "studied to death" and its time has come.

"Ambulance service is health care and as such, should be part of the health care system," said Liepert.

"We will increase funding and provide leadership to ensure the transition is as seamless as possible."

The province currently pays municipalities $128 million in funding and municipalities and patients share the remaining $190 million in costs.

After April 1, 2009, the province will cover 90 per cent of a patient's ambulance bill.

The move also gives paramedics the option to drop patients at medical clinics rather than just emergency wards in situations where emergency medical attention is not required.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

A memorial in front of the Dalhart Hill NW home where, inset from left, family members Rochelle, 4, Kristen, 6, Alison and Joshua Lall and tenant Amber Bowerman were found dead sprung up after police tape was torn down.

Dad likely killer

Deaths of five being treated as possible murder-suicide: Police

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

The lone male among five dead people found in a northwest Calgary home may have been responsible for the violence in what is now being looked at as a potential murder-suicide, police said yesterday.

"Preliminary investigations have led us down that path," said Insp. Guy Slater, cautioning against jumping to conclusions as it's still early in the investigation

Police are expected to confirm the names of the deceased today after autopsies were completed last night.

Neighbours said the Darhart Hill residence was home to Joshua Lall, 34, his wife Alison, 35, and two daughters, Kristen, 6, and Rochelle, 4, who were discovered dead along with tenant Amber Bowerman, found in a basement suite, when police and EMS arrived at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The Lall's one-year-old daughter, Anna, was the lone-survivor and is "doing well" in protective custody, Slater said.

Cohos Evamy Integrated Design chairman Rob Adamson, the firm where Lall worked designing accessible buildings for the disabled, said the 34-year-old was a "dedicated and committed" member of their team who will be "sorely missed."

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motive

» Police wouldn't indicate whether they had retrieved the murder weapon or a suicide note and said they have yet to establish a motive for the slayings, but are working with family and friends to establish a broader picture and didn't rule out a mental breakdown.

Revoke pay raises: CTF

The Canadian Taxpayer Federation's Scott Hennig is calling on the Stelmach government to revoke potential pay increases of up to 34 per cent to cabinet ministers and the premier, which came in response to a decision made last week to increase the pay of the speaker and the Liberal and NDP leader pay by up to $42,000 per year — effectively making both earn more than the premier.

"Clearly the Members' Services committee made a grave error in granting additional committee pay to the speaker and the leaders of the opposition," said Hennig.

"However, cabinet should not have attempted to 'one-up' Kowalski and Taft by giving themselves 30 per cent raises. Two wrongs don't make a right."

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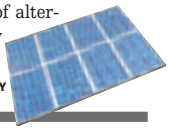
School shows solar power

The Chaparral School is doing its part to reduce their ecological footprint, and they demonstrated that to the public during an open house last night at the school.

With the help of two $10,000 grants from BP Energy, the school forged ahead with understanding how their school could use alternative energy sources. The school purchased solar panels, a wind turbine and several greenhouses and solar ovens with the grants. The Energy Expo highlighted the achievements of alternate energy sources.



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Cody Wang of Calgary was eliminated in the quarter-finals of yesterday's CanSpell Spelling Bee after misspelling the word "hierurgical," The word means relating to religious worship or work. METRO CALGARY

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Bowerman 'amazing, fun loving'

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Amber Bowerman

No indications tenant may have been in danger

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

Amber Bowerman had a lot to look forward to.

Friends and colleagues of the happy-go-lucky, up-and-coming journalist found dead in the basement suite of the Dalhart Hill home Wednesday along with four members of the Lall family said she was a respected and well-liked face around campus and there were no indications that she may have been in a dangerous situation.

"On top of it all, it's so disappointing that someone so dedicated to their craft, so personable, will never get a real chance to apply that any more," said SAIT Student's Association president David Jones.

> *« She was the type of person who you could talk to for five minutes and become friends with immediately. »*
>
> *David Jones, SAIT Student's Association president*

Bowerman, a freelance journalist and publication editor of SAIT newspaper The Weal, who graduated from the journalism program in 2001, was an "amazing, fun loving, happy and caring individual," Jones said.

"She was the type of person who you could talk to for five minutes and become friends with immediately," said Jones, adding her sudden death sent shockwaves through the SAIT community that continue to ripple in spite of counselling services.

One friend, who worked alongside Bowerman for two years at the student newspaper, said it seemed unfathomable that she could be in this situation, as it's something he never would have expected and she never indicated any sort of trouble brewing on the home front.

"It didn't matter what kind of day she was having, she'd put that aside for the greater good," he said.

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Standoff ends with surrender

Armed man forces lockdown of schools

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CALGARY

The Calgary Police TAC team and K-9 units were called to a standoff in Dover yesterday.

An armed standoff with a man in a residence in the 2600 block of 39 St. SE that forced the lockdown of three southeast schools ended peacefully yesterday evening.

Police said they were able to establish contact with the man, who reportedly had a rifle and was initially threatening the woman who called in the complaint, and they were able to coax him from the home without incident.

Still, there were tense moments for parents and students at the area schools affected by the lockdown.

Tayo Kadri, a Grade 8 student at Holy Cross School, was in gym class outside when at around 2 p.m. the teacher ushered the students inside and told them they couldn't leave the building.

"I'm just glad to be alive," said Tayo, who hugged his mother, Lyla Kadri, when he was able to go outside. His mom waited an hour before she could see him at 3:30 p.m.

"Calgary's getting scary," Kadri said. "It's getting to the point where I don't want to let my son stay after school."

Fuzz raise funds for athletes

Officers to stay on roof until Sunday

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CALGARY

Const. Kendra Laustsen of CPS, left, Rhonda Mackenzie, of Canada Border Services Agency, and TJ Jednorog, Alberta sheriff, gather on the Northland Mall roof to raise money for the Special Olympics.

In full uniform and flip-flops, three enforcement officers voluntarily confined themselves to Northland Wal-Mart's roof yesterday afternoon and have vowed to stay there until Sunday.

The three women are part of the fourth annual Free the Fuzz fundraiser for the Special Olympics, and will occupy their weekend throwing candy down to shoppers, blasting music and waving from their make-shift prison in hopes to raise $25,000.

Const. Kendra Laustsen of the Calgary Police Service, Alberta Sheriff TJ Jednorog, and Rhonda Mackenzie, of the Canada Border Services Agency, all volunteered to be hoisted by the fire department's ladder up to the roof top to pitch a tent, and will spend their days under the orange tarp and their nights playing crib and cards.

While none had complaints while the sun was out, Const. Laustsen said we "might want to check back with us on Sunday" since it's forecasted to rain.

Rachel Ryan, one of the athletes there to collect donations and sell hot dogs, has been competing for 21 years and said "it's awesome" to have this kind of support.

Most of the public-friendly events will be happening on Saturday afternoon.

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Fire department opens recruiting expo

No experience needed to apply

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

Your weekend won't be nearly as boring if you get to break down doors, haul fire hoses or rescue pretty mannequins in distress.

The Calgary Fire Department is holding a recruitment expo, open to the public, tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

> *« If people are second-guessing themselves or wondering if this is the avenue they want to take, this event will answer that. »*
>
> *Jeff Budai, Calgary Fire Department*

complete with displays and demonstrations, including vehicle extrication, aquatic rescue and high-angle rescue.

"If people are second-guessing themselves or wondering if this is the avenue they want to take, this event will answer that," said Jeff Budai of the Calgary Fire Department.

Applicants don't need fire-fighting experience or education to apply, but will be put through a series of tests including physical and mental aptitude and medical/fitness evaluations. Food will also be available, as the Fire Cadets are holding a barbecue over the lunch period to raise funds for the recruitment program.

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Training in canine CPR

Every fire truck now equipped with devices

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

Our furry, four-legged friends can put their paws together for an improvement in pet safety during emergency situations announced by the Calgary Fire Department yesterday.

The CPR/Pet 02 initiative complements the current Protective Services Pet Safety Program, and ensures that all Calgary firefighters are trained in Pet CPR and oxygen-delivery protocols. Every fire truck and rescue boat will also be equipped with a set of three oxygen masks of different sizes to allow use on various sizes of animals.

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Fire Fighter Paul Aziz and rescue dog Flint demonstrate how the new animal rescue oxygen resuscitation devices work for animals who are taken out of a fire.

"We're now properly prepared to deliver quality care to household pets," said Garth Rabel of the Calgary Fire Department.

Flint the fire dog also attended the kick-off, waiting semi-patiently for his treats after showing how his long snout fit perfectly into the oxygen mask.

It's estimated there are 95,000 dog owners and 90,000 cat owners in Calgary, and approximately 50 per cent of Calgarians own pets.

Since these creatures are becoming more important in people's lives, including to the 57 per cent that celebrate their pets' birthdays, Dennis Rabel, training officer with the Calgary Fire Department, said when the humans are safe, their next focus will be on the fluffier members of the family.

Start-up costs were only around $10,000.

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Stabbing death not drug related: Cops

Second victim in stable condition as arrest made

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

A stabbing death on the LRT platform at 7 Ave. and 8 St. SW Tuesday night was not drug related, police said yesterday.

Calgary's 11th homicide victim of the year, Walter Henderson, 22, died shortly after being stabbed around 10:30 p.m. while a second victim remains in stable condition after the altercation and police nabbed their suspect Wednesday when District 8 officers recognized the man, who was riding the LRT at the time of apprehension.

Justin Allan Crowchild, 26, has been charged with second-degree murder and attempted murder in connection with the incident and while all those involved were known to each other, Sgt. Kevin Forsen said, adding the dispute wasn't over drugs while negating to offer any other motive.

Forsen said a beefed up police presence of city crime hot-spots, specifically at the scene of the stabbing where Gage Prevost was shoved in front of a C-Train and died in 2007, is making a difference.

"It is paying off, unfortunately we can't put police officers on every corner all the time, if we could, we would, but resources are obviously an issue," he said.

Crowchild will appear in provincial court on June 3.

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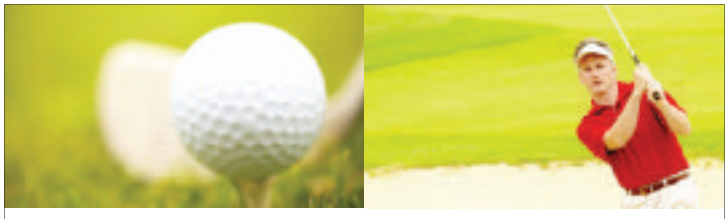

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50 charges laid in carjack case

Suspect released from hospital, into police custody

A suspected Calgary carjacker now faces at least 50 charges in 19 separate crimes after a 10-hour cross-city robbery and car theft frenzy Sunday.

Richard David Barker, 27, spent several days in hospital, but went straight into police custody, accused of leading Calgary Police on a hunt that touched every quadrant of the city, jacking cars at gun-point, robbing businesses and people and undertaking several hit and runs.

"It was very unusual, very overwhelming," said Insp. Keith Cain, adding more charges may be in the works as information continues to filter in to police.

Barker's alleged crime-spree began with a robbery roll-job at Bromley Square at about 4:10 a.m. Sunday and concluded by smashing into a street sign in front of a school on the 3800 block of Marbank Dr. NE around 2 p.m.

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background

» Vehicles were allegedly rammed as the suspect fled from police, and people were apparently hurt. The fact that the chase ended near a schoolyard has compounded the problem for the police as they answer questions of what could have happened if the car had gone into the schoolyard instead of hit the pole.

» Cops aren't sure if drugs or alcohol were involved. The suspect was taken to Foothills hospital in serious but guarded condition, suffering trauma to his head and chest

Historic school slated for revitalization project

The Calgary Board of Education will begin the work of revitalizing a major inner-city landmark school, signified by their sod-turning ceremony to take place today.

The historic Connaught School is the lucky school to be refursbished.

The focus of the work includes the complete redevelopment of the school's gymnasium and the construction of an atrium attached to the school.

Original woodwork and other features will be retained, though the school will be built with the principles of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

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warrant

Alberta Sheriffs arrest fugitive

DOWNTOWN The Calgary Police along with the Alberta Sheriffs arrested a fugitive yesterday in downtown Calgary. Sukhjit Singh Sooch, 26, who was wanted on outstanding warrants, was taken into custody and turned over to the Correctional Service of Canada. METRO CALGARY

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Airport security in Kelowna, B.C., forced a Toronto woman to check her Colt 45 trinket on a flight because they feared the pendant posed a security risk to other passengers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Natives decry 'third world' conditions

Second annual Day of Action passes peacefully

Canada cares less and less about the "third-world" living conditions faced by many of its native peoples, protesters said yesterday in the second annual aboriginal National Day of Action.

The Canadian government turns around and tells foreigners that are coming to this country that native people in Canada are very well taken care of — that they have money, that they have houses, that they have jobs," said Gary Wassaykeesic from the Mishkeegogamang Indian reserve in northwestern Ontario.

"But in all reality, when you go into your own backyard, you're going to find third-world conditions."

Natives' frustrations have grown in recent years over the issues of poverty, health care and living conditions on many of the country's reserves. Increasingly, there have been road blockades and standoffs between protesters and police, and sometimes violence.

But yesterday's National Day of Action was peaceful, unlike 2007, when protesters east of Toronto shut down Canada's busiest highway.

"There's no violence. We're trying to get our message across without breaking windows or smashing cars," Wassaykeesic told Reuters on the sidelines of the march through Toronto, where obvious signs of support from onlookers were scarce.

More than any other group in Canada, aboriginals face poverty, crime, and poor health and housing. Unemployment and suicide levels are also highest among natives, especially on the remote reserves that dot the north.

Asked why conditions are still so bad for aboriginals, federal Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl told reporters in Ottawa: "There's lots to do, I admit that, and I don't claim that it's all done." REUTERS

mining, forestry targeted

» A theme of this year's protest was the effect that mining and forestry have had on native land, with damage from the industries leading to clashes between business, government and aboriginal communities. "A lot of non-native people ... think we're just a bunch of radicals or terrorists," said Maria Swain, from Ontario's Grassy Narrows reserve, about 200 km east of Winnipeg. "They don't understand our spirituality and our connection with the earth."

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

David Charette takes part in a protest as part of the National Day of Action on Parliament Hill yesterday.

Ancient busts **A face in the crowd**

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

"The Greeks" exhibit curator Stavros Vlizos is reflected in a display case above marble busts from the second-century AD at the Canadian Museum of Civilization yesterday. Organized by Athens' prestigious Benaki Museum, the exhibit features 180 treasured objects dating from prehistoric to modern times, giving insights into the land of Socrates, Euclid and the Parthenon.

Bernier breach timeline in doubt

Documents were returned 24 hours before resignation

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's claim that he was in the dark until Monday about Maxime Bernier's missing classified documents is under attack following the revelation that the sensitive papers were returned to the government some 24 hours earlier.

Bernier

Sources said that a lawyer for Julie Couillard, Bernier's ex-girlfriend, returned the documents to the government in the hours before she taped a television interview Sunday afternoon. She makes an oblique reference in the television interview, saying "as we speak, the lawyer has been duly mandated and the document has been returned."

After accepting Bernier's rushed resignation as foreign affairs minister on Monday evening, Harper said he didn't know about the serious lapse in ministerial responsibility until earlier that day.

"Last night, Maxime Bernier became aware that he had left classified government documents at a private residence earlier this spring. I became aware of this security breach late this afternoon," Harper said in a statement Monday night. Opposition MPs are now questioning this timeline of events.

Bernier resigned from cabinet Monday just hours before Couillard told a television interviewer that he had left the secret documents related to a recent NATO meeting at her home in mid-April.

Harper had dismissed questions from opposition MPs for more than three weeks about security concerns over the foreign affairs minister's relationship with Couillard, who had been romantically linked in the 1990s to two members of Quebec biker gangs.

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sham couple?

» Julie Couillard says Maxime Bernier never loved her and only used her to create a buzz. "I fell in love with a dream, but it never came true ... He didn't turn out to have as much backbone as I thought he did," she told the French-language magazine 7 Jours. Couillard describes a relationship that was more transactional than romantic — at one point in the interview she describes it as a "business deal" — and says she broke it off at Christmas, but continued to appear with Bernier to fulfill her promise to spend a year as his "official" girlfriend. "I told him I was ready to play-act in Ottawa. That's what I signed up for," she said.

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» **ABORTION** The Supreme Court of Canada yesterday chose not to hear an appeal of a lower court decision that found that a nurse who picketed a Planned Parenthood clinic in Regina and referred to its workers as baby killers was protected by the right of free speech.

» **DRUGS** The federal government will appeal a B.C. court ruling that would allow Vancouver's Insite, a sanctioned drug-injection clinic to remain open, the health minister said yesterday.

» **POLL** Half of Canadians believe Stephen Harper's government is not only secretive, but arrogant as well, according to a new Toronto Star/Angus Reid poll. The Tories, who have been in government for more than two years, are regarded as secretive by 50 per cent of those surveyed, with 51 per cent stating the government is also arrogant.

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Breast Fest film festival to highlight deadly cancer

Toronto will be hosting a movie event billed as the world's first-ever film festival dedicated to breast cancer awareness, a Canadian charity said.

Breast Fest will showcase feature-length and short films, documentaries, animation and experimental works that highlight breast cancer.

The charity is also accepting YouTube submissions from around the globe for the short film competition.

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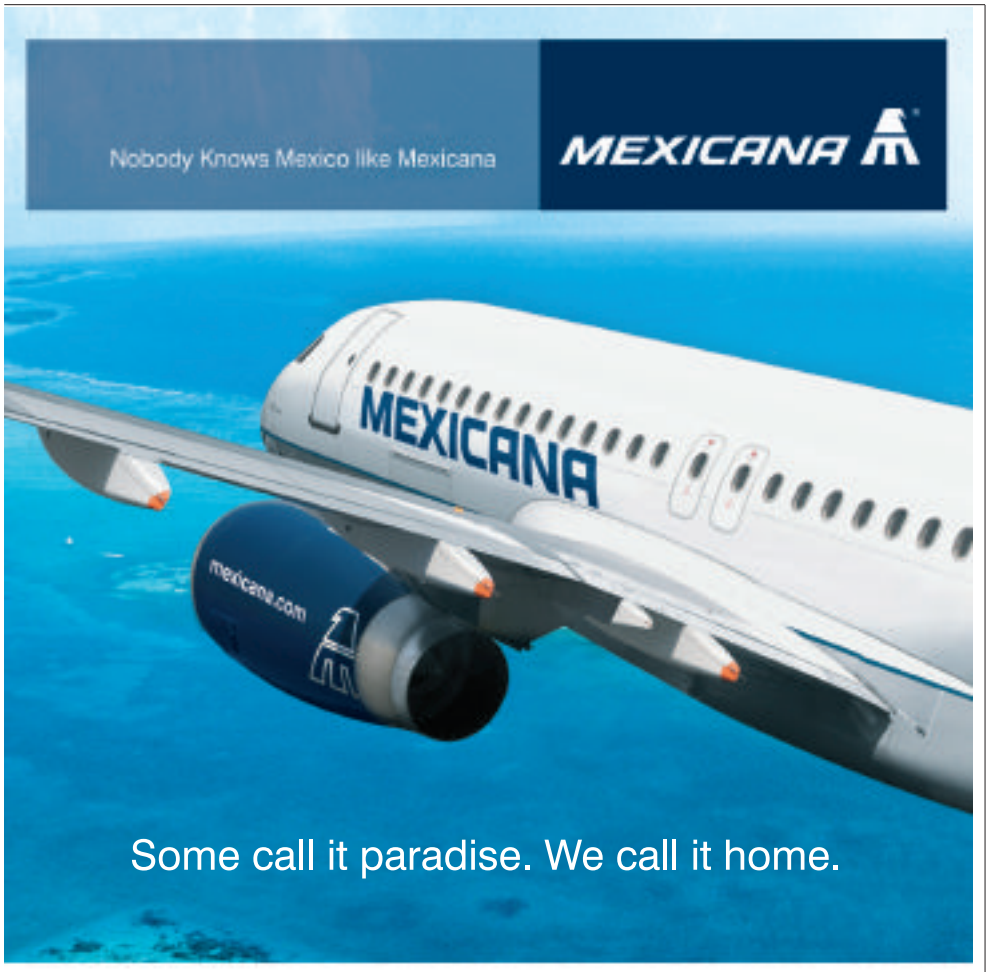

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Love differs for men and women

Canadians have varied opinions on relationships: Study

Love is in the air for more than 70 per cent of Canadians, but men and women seem to view romantic relationships differently, according to a new survey.

An Ipsos Reid poll that surveyed 1,033 Canadian adults found 78 per cent of women said they were in love, while only 64 per cent of men said the same.

"It seems that men and women are not quite on the same page," said Sean Simpson, research manager at Ipsos Reid. "There may be some lack of communication going on, or that perhaps men are slower to come around and realize their feelings."

Overall, 71 of those surveyed said they were in love, with more romance in the air on the East Coast than the West. Eighty-nine per cent of those from Atlantic Canada said they were in love, while only 67 per cent of those in British Columbia could say the same.

The survey, which Ipsos Reid said was done online by a demographically representative consumer panel, also found that among the 35 to 54 age group, 80 per cent of women and 67 per cent of men said their partner was "a good lover."

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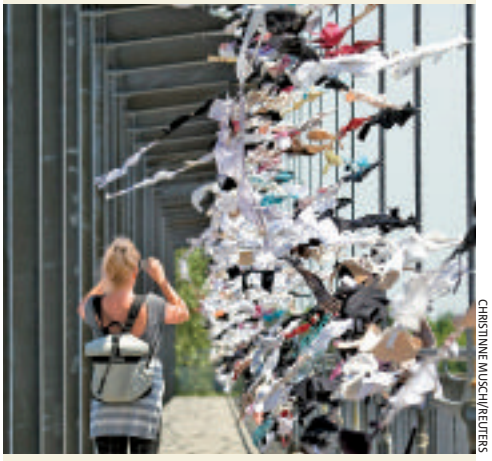
Montreal **Billowing bras**



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A tourist takes photos as thousands of bras hang in the Old Port of Montreal yesterday. A local radio station collected 67,000 bras to raise funds for the Quebec Breast Cancer Society.

Liberals fall to fourth in Quebec, poll finds

The federal Liberal Party has slipped to a shaky fourth place in Quebec, a new poll revealed yesterday.

The Liberals have held off defeating the minority Conservative federal government partly because of consistent showings in national polls that put them a close second.

However, the latest CROP survey in La Presse newspaper gives them little reason for optimism. It showed the Liberals trailing the separatist Bloc Québécois, the Conservatives and now even the New Democratic Party across the province.

The Liberals also trail the Conservatives in Montreal, which had been considered their stronghold.

The poll gave the Bloc 31 per cent support, up three points in the past month.

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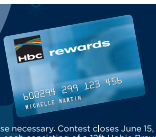

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A Fox News employee who says she suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder after being bitten by bedbugs at work filed a lawsuit yesterday against the owner of the Manhattan office tower where she worked. REUTERS

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Disease a threat in Myanmar: UN

The United Nations is stepping up efforts to combat malaria, cholera and other diseases in Myanmar that are now the main threat to millions left homeless by this month's cyclone, a senior official said yesterday.

Stagnant water in the wake of the cyclone and storm surge, which left up to 2.4 million people destitute, has created ideal breeding conditions for malaria and dengue, said World Health Organization assistant director-general Eric Laroche.

Laroche heads the international health operation formed to deal with the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis, which struck Myanmar's fertile Irrawaddy Delta region and the capital Yangon on May 2.

"The major threat in health now is communicable disease," he said the day after his return from Yangon.

It was also the monsoon season in Myanmar, a time when malaria, dengue fever and cholera outbreaks tend to occur, he said. REUTERS

partnership

» The WHO is leading a partnership with official, private and non-governmental organisations in Myanmar to tackle the crisis. It has approved a $28 million action plan over six months for the program, including $10 million directly for WHO operations.

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China woes continue

Nation battles lakes, chemicals

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A resident walks away from bleaching powder and disinfectant while chlorine gas billows in a chemical reaction near a refugee camp in earthquake-hit Leigu Town of Beichuan County, yesterday.

A local official in Sichuan province withdrew from the prestigious Olympics torch relay as "atonement" for construction problems at collapsed schools, even as rescuers battled rain, lakes and chemicals in the aftermath of the devastating May 12 earthquake.

Thousands of the quake's victims were children, killed when schools collapsed. Inspectors have taken samples of rubble to see if shoddy construction material was used.

Lin Qiang, vice inspector of the Sichuan provincial educational department, said collapsed buildings might have been more solid "if we educational officials hadn't left loopholes for corruption," according to the official Xinhua news agency. He withdrew as torch bearer in the torch relay currently snaking around China before the August Olympic Games.

The death toll from the 7.9 magnitude quake is more than 68,500 and is certain to rise further, with 20,000 missing. Aftershocks have toppled 420,000 houses, most already uninhabitable.

The massive reconstruction work has only just begun, and survivors are threatened by "quake lakes," formed by landslides, that could burst and flood downstream towns and dams. The Finance Ministry has funnelled an extra 1 billion yuan ($144.2 million US) into relief work on an estimated 35 dangerous lakes formed by landslides, in addition to 400 million yuan already alloted to work on smaller, damaged dams.

China has evacuated more than 150,000 people living below the biggest of the quake lakes at Tangjiashan. It was created when landslides blocked the Jianjiang river above Beichuan, near the epicentre. About 5,000 tonnes of chemicals, including sulphuric and hydrochloric acid, were moved out from downstream, media said. The danger posed by chemicals was shown yesterday, when rain-soaked bags of disinfectant chlorine erupted in caustic, billowing smoke, injuring eight paramilitary police in Beichuan. REUTERS

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» **HISTORY** Stonehenge may have been a burial ground for an ancient royal family, British researchers said yesterday. New radiocarbon dates of human remains excavated from the ancient stone monument in southwest England suggest it was used as a cemetery from its inception just after 3000 BC until well after the larger circle of stones went up around 2500 BC.

» **STORM** Tropical Storm Alma, the first cyclone of the Americas hurricane season, slammed into Nicaragua's Pacific coast yesterday, killing one person as winds toppled trees and ripped roofs off flimsy homes.

» **QUAKE** A strong earthquake rocked Iceland yesterday, damaging roads and buildings in one town and sending frightened residents running into the streets. Police in Selfoss, 50 km southeast of the capital Reykjavik, said they had received no reports of injuries and that damage to buildings in the area had been relatively minor. The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake struck at 3:46 p.m. local time. REUTERS

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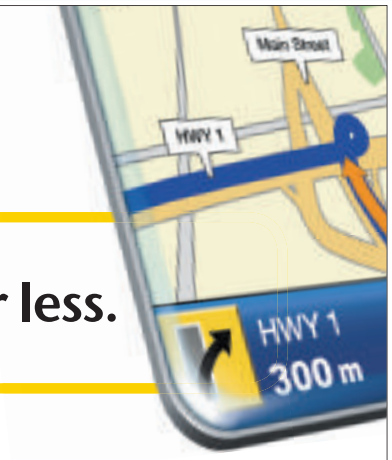

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Biofuel push still on

McCain, Obama still steadfast in their support

U.S. Republican presidential candidate John McCain and his likely Democrat rival, Barack Obama, will remain steadfast in their support for biofuels on the road to the White House, despite rising global discontent over the idea of using crops to make fuel.

But if food prices keep soaring, there could be weakening of incentives for the biofuels sector during the next administration, although Obama, hailing from the second highest corn producing state in the country, would likely be the most aggressive initially in support of the industry.

Democrats and Republicans are moving toward the same general energy policy — a pace that may quicken with the average U.S. gasoline price near $4 a gallon and oil around $130 a barrel. Both sides want more energy to be produced domestically and more to come from renewable fuels. REUTERS

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In Brief

» **DARFUR** An unarmed Ugandan police officer working for international peacekeeping forces in Sudan's Darfur region has been shot dead, a spokesman for the UNAMID force said yesterday. He is the first international peacekeeper to be killed in Darfur since joint UN/African Union troops took over from a beleaguered African force at the start of the year.

» **DEBT** Iraq pressed its creditors to cancel about $60 billion US in debts at an international conference yesterday, but two of its biggest creditors, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, sent only junior representatives to hear the call. REUTERS

Peru **Mass graves found**

PILAR OLIVARES/REUTERS

An Andean woman cries as she remembers her relative during an exhumation in Peru yesterday. Forensic scientists found the bodies of at least 60 people presumably assassinated by the military in the mass grave, according to the state Commission of the Truth and Reconciliation.

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» **RBC** Profit at Royal Bank of Canada fell 27 per cent in its second quarter, weighed down by previously disclosed after-tax writedowns of $436 million and higher provisions for loan losses.

» **CIBC** Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce posted its second major quarterly loss in a row yesterday on larger-than-expected charges of $2.5 billion for worsening structured-credit positions.

» **NATIONAL** National Bank of Canada said second-quarter profit was hit by a loss of $73 million ($49 million after taxes), related to hedges for its ABCP portfolio. REUTERS

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SEC seeks deal with Canada

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» Mutual recognition entails allowing foreign banks, brokers and exchanges to operate under their home country's rules in another country.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission said yesterday it plans to start substantive discussions in June with four of Canada's 13 regulators to make it easier for banks, brokers and exchanges to operate in both countries.

The SEC said it hopes to finish a process agreement in mid-June that would then open the way for discussions of a potential U.S.-Canada mutual recognition arrangement.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has pushed for what he calls "free trade in securities" within the Group of Seven industrialized nations and said he had hoped for a deal with the SEC even sooner.

But he said Canada has a long way to go before being able to secure such an agreement because of its patchwork of 13 provincial and territorial securities regulators. REUTERS

manufacturing

Plastics industry riled over bag bans

MOVEMENT The Canadian plastic industry is lashing out at growing movement to eliminate plastic shopping bags, saying that an outright ban could cause more environmental harm than good.

This week the Liquor Control Board of Ontario — the provincially owned 598-store chain — said it would phase out plastic bags as part of ongoing efforts to become more environmentally friendly.

But the Canadian Plastics Industry Association contends banning plastic bags will fail to change consumers' behaviour and may actually lead to more waste plastic as people switch to alternatives. REUTERS

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Ivanhoe to buy Talisman leases

Three oilsands properties to go for $105 million

Ivanhoe Energy Inc., one of the companies in the stable of financier Robert Friedland, said yesterday it will pay $105 million for oilsands properties held by Talisman Energy Inc. as it moves toward developing its own oilsands project.

Ivanhoe said it has signed a preliminary agreement with Talisman for the purchase of three leases in the Athabasca oilsands region near Fort McMurray. Two of the properties are estimated to contain about 300 million barrels of bitumen, a tar-like form of oil, while a third has not been assessed.

Talisman, which has steered clear of oilsands projects in favour of conventional operations, will have the right for three years to acquire a 20 per cent interest in the operation. REUTERS

on sale for 2 years

» Talisman announced a plan last week to sell off up to $2 billion in oil and gas properties around the world as its seeks to concentrate its operations. However, the company's oilsands holdings, small by the standards of the region where leases can contain billions of barrels of bitumen, have been on the block for almost two years.

Enbridge sells interest in Spanish pipeline

Calgary-based Enbridge Inc. is selling its stake in Spain's Compania Logistica de Hidrocarburos SA for $1.4 billion and will use the proceeds to help fund its North American oil and gas pipeline expansion, it said yesterday.

Enbridge, best known as the operator of Canada's main oil export pipeline, said it agreed to sell its 25 per cent interest in the Spanish line, known as CLH, to units of Deutsche Bank AG , the Public Sector Pension Investment Board, Stichting Pensioenfonds Zorg en Welzijn and AMP Capital Investors.

The price is more than double what the firm paid for the asset six years ago. REUTERS

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It appears that NHL Winter Classic will be back and making a visit to the Windy City. TSN.ca is reporting that in January the Chicago Blackhawks will host the Detroit Red Wings in an outdoor game, the site of which has yet to be chosen. METRO NEWS SERVICES

All eyes on Stampeders

Team opens camp with plenty of question marks

By **DAN TOTH**
for Metro Calgary

The only thing in Cowtown growing faster than the population is the burgeoning expectations for the Calgary Stampeders.

The local CFL club kicks off its 2008 training camp Sunday at McMahon Stadium and although the team hasn't won a playoff game in the last three seasons, they once again are among the favourites to contend for the Grey Cup.

At the same time the talented club will have to answer multiple questions after making a number of off-season moves.

It's an obvious focus for first-year head coach John Hufnagel.

"My message all year long to you, the players and the fans hasn't changed," Hufnagel said.

"What we want to accomplish in this training camp is to become a better football team and hopefully the competition we have during training camp will lead to that. We have many challenges ahead of us."

Burris

Here are nine questions the Stampeders must answer this season:

1. Can Henry Burris win a Grey Cup? Since the quarterback came to town in 2005 the Stamps have had one of the most exciting offences in the CFL, an explosive trait that will have to continue in 2008.

2. Can Dave Dickenson thrive in his new role of backup? The addition of the veteran as Burris' caddy is expected to make Smilin' Hank's grin even brighter but the former CFL most outstanding player needs to accept a diminished presence.

3. Will John Hufnagel live up to expectations as a head coach? The new boss won a Super Bowl with the New England Patriots in 2003 and a Grey Cup with Calgary in 1992, but Huffer hasn't coached in the CFL in 12 years. That's a long time to be removed from such a unique league.

4. How long will it take a rebuilt offensive line to gel? The retirement of 14-year veteran Jay McNeil, the trade of veteran John Comiskey and departure of free agent Garrick Jones will leave plenty of new faces to the offence's engine.

5. Will new defensive coordinator Chris Jones be able to apply his style of pressure defence that made the Alouettes such a tough opponent? The Stamps surrendered a league-high 527 points in '07 leaving plenty of room for improvement.

6. Can punter Burke Dales thrive now that his backup, Duncan O'Mahony, has been punted from the locker-room?

7. Who will emerge as the heart of the new defence? In the old 3-4 scheme the linebackers made the defence tick. Now Brian Clark, Scott Coe and Cornelius Anthony are all gone.

8. Have the Stamps found a reliable game-breaking wide receiver? Ken-Yon Rambo has been moved outside while newcomers Jessie Burton, Tyrone Calico and Chris Jackson all have speed to burn.

9. Can the Stampeders finally give hungry fans a Grey Cup championship? The "new regime" is entering its fourth season at the helm and fans are getting anxious for some results.

Oddsmakers pick Argonauts

YORK REPORT
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CFL training camps are opening, which means professional oddsmakers are preparing for the season, as well. And they've established the Toronto Argonauts as 2.5-to-1 favourites to capture the Grey Cup.

Then come the B.C. Lions (at 3.5-to-1), the Calgary Stampeders (4.5-to-1), the Winnipeg Blue Bombers (5.25-to-1), the Saskatchewan Roughriders (7-to-1), the Edmonton Eskimos (10-to-1), the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (10.5-to-1) and the Montreal Alouettes (11-to-1).

» The Argos won't win (clip and save) because tight-lipped **Rich Stubler** will have a difficult time making the transition from defensive co-ordinator to head coach, because **Kerry Joseph** is overrated and not nearly the quarterback he is generally perceived to be and because, once Joseph starts slumping, support for **Michael Bishop** will grow and a divisive QB controversy will plague this team ... The Ticats will improve significantly because QB **Casey Printers** is healthy and with the team from the season's start and because new general manager **Bob O'Billovich** has recruited some exceptional, underrated talent ... The Als have been correctly assessed as underdogs by the oddsmakers because QB **Anthony Calvillo** is on the down side of the hill and because new head coach **Marc Trestman** has no CFL experience ... The Riders cannot repeat as champions because they lost their outstanding head coach, **Kent Austin**, to U.S. college football ... The Stamps will win the Cup because they will have the CFL's premier player in QB **Henry Burris** and because they fired a clueless head coach, **Tom Higgins**, and replaced him with intelligent, innovative **John Hufnagel**, a CFL maven who will follow in Austin's footsteps with first-year head-coaching success and who tutored the likes of QBs **Doug Flutie** and **Jeff Garcia** and, in the NFL, **Tom Brady**, **Peyton Manning** and **Eli Manning**.

» In the NHL, word's spreading that forward **Marion Hossa** will not re-sign with the Penguins in the off-season and will join either the Montreal Canadiens or the Vancouver Canucks, both of whom can meet his contract demands easier than Pittsburgh can ... The Pens will, however, re-sign forward **Ryan Malone** and defenceman **Brooks Orpik** and keep them from exploring the free-agent market for long ... In Toronto, the new front-runner to become the Maple Leafs' new general manager is ex-New York Rangers GM **Neil Smith** ... And, for baseball stuff, please check out my latest MLB Report, exclusively at *www.metronews.ca*.

In three-plus decades as a columnist and broadcaster, Marty York has built a network of solid contacts and a renowned reputation for his hard-hitting, groundbreaking style. The tradition continues in Metro Sports.

Canucks' Bourdon dies in motorcycle accident

Vancouver Canucks defenceman Luc Bourdon was killed in a motorcycle accident yesterday, the NHL team said.

Bourdon

Bourdon, 21, was a member of the Canadian team that won gold medals at the 2006 and 2007 world junior hockey championships.

"We are deeply saddened by today's news and on behalf of the entire Vancouver Canucks organization, I would like to extend my sincere sympathies to Luc's family," Canucks general manager Mike Gillis said in a statement.

A native of Shippagan, N.B, Bourdon was a first-round pick (10th overall) by Vancouver in the 2005 draft.

He scored twice with no assists in 36 NHL games for the Canucks. REUTERS

Strike! Vipers hit the field

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Calgary Vipers pitcher Evan Greusel fires a strike against the Edmonton Cracker-Cats last night in the team's home opener at Foothills Stadium. The Vipers will play a weekend series against the Cracker-Cats.

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NHL

STANLEY CUP FINAL
PITTSBURGH VS. DETROIT
Game 4 — Tomorrow
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6
*Game 5 — Monday
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 6
*Game 6 — Wednesday
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6
*Game 7 — Saturday, June 7
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 6
(Detroit leads series 2-1)
(* – if necessary)

PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

Name, team	G	A	P
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Crosby, Pgh	6	17	23
Mari.Hossa, Pgh	9	12	21
Datsyuk, Det	9	10	19
Malkin, Pgh	9	10	19
Franzen, Det	13	4	17
Ribeiro, Dal	3	14	17
Briere, Pha	9	7	16
Malone, Pgh	6	10	16
Umberger, Pha	10	5	15
Morrow, Dal	9	6	15
Jagr, NYR	5	10	15
B.Richards, Dal	3	12	15
M.Richards, Pha	7	7	14
Hudler, Det	4	9	13
Prospal, Pha	3	10	13
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NBA

CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. DETROIT
Game 6 — Tonight
Boston at Detroit, 6:30
*Game 7 — Sunday
Detroit at Boston, 6:30
(Boston leads series 3-2)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. LAKERS VS. SAN ANTONIO
Game 5 — Last night
L.A. Lakers 100 San Antonio 92
(L.A. Lakers win series 4-1)
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Chicago White Sox 5 Tampa Bay 1
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Atlanta 8 Milwaukee 1
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San Diego 5 Washington 2
St. Louis 3 Houston 2
Chicago Cubs 8 Colorado 4
San Francisco at Arizona

TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston at Baltimore, 5:05
Chicago W. Sox at Tampa Bay, 5:10
Oakland at Texas, 6:05
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 6:10
Cleveland at Kansas City, 6:10
Toronto at L.A. Angels, 8:05
Detroit at Seattle, 8:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Colorado at Chicago Cubs, 12:20
Florida at Philadelphia, 5:05
L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 5:10
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 5:10
Houston at Milwaukee, 6:05
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 6:15
Washington at Arizona, 7:40
San Diego at San Francisco, 8:15

»sports In Brief

» **NBA** Kobe Bryant scored 39 points to lead the L.A. Lakers to a 100-92 victory over the San Antonio Spurs in Game 5 of the Western Conference finals last night to take the series 4-1 and secure a spot in the NBA Finals.

» **SOCCER** Julian de Guzman has been named the player of the year by Deportivo la Coruna. De Guzman, 27, is the only Canadian ever to play in the top Spanish flight, judged by many to be the world's best league.

» **TENNIS** Reputations counted for little at the French Open yesterday when seeds Amelie Mauresmo, James Blake and David Nalbandian were toppled by opponents ranked outside the world's top 75.

» **GOLF** Australia's Mathew Goggin notched eight birdies en route to a seven-under-par 65 to take the first-round lead at the Memorial tournament yesterday in Dublin, Ohio.

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Sexy back

Kristin Davis, Sarah Jessica Parker, Cynthia Nixon and Kim Cattrall return to their roles in Sex And The City for the big screen as an older and wiser foursome.

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Natasha Bedingfield shines

Honesty is key to songwriting, singer says

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Calgary

Profile THE FEMALE POP star who took the British charts by storm

ROGERS

TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS

1. Lollipop, Lil Wayne
2. 4 Minutes, Madonna
3. Love In This Club, Usher
4. Low, Flo Rida
5. Bleeding Love, Leona Lewis
6. Touch My Body, Mariah Carey
7. Dangerous, KardinalOffishall
8. No Air Duet, Allicia Keys
9. Elevator, Flo Rida
10. Apologize, Timbaland

with her hit single Unwritten a few years ago, is back bigger and hotter than ever with a new record and her inspiration — Mr. Right.

Natasha Bedingfield was the single girl whose first CD, Unwritten, explored independence and enjoying single life. But today, she says she's in a different place. She's been dating, searching for a partner and it looks like she's found that special someone.

"I want to make music that explains what I'm feeling ... and music can be an expression of what you're feeling inside and thinking," Bedingfield says. "I've always believed in finding that someone special, I just wasn't ready yet."

more online

» For this week's CD reviews visit *metronews.ca*.

Her second studio album, Pocketful of Sunshine, deals with affairs of the heart from feeling like you'll never find anyone in Soulmate, to that moment you think you just might have in Say It Again.

When Bedingfield heard new single Pocketful of Sunshine on the radio for the first time, it was an indescribable feeling.

"When you're in the studio you have these big speakers so you never know how it's going to sound on the radio ... and when I heard it I loved it, it still has a nice bass to it," she says.

Yet, the best feeling is after she has just finished writing a song — for Bedingfield it's a very "satisfying adrenalin high." Another good feeling is when she's on stage and people in the audience sing back to her.

"And it's their song now, it's moved beyond you in the studio, and it's when you hear the song on the radio too," says Bedingfield. "It's that thought that I while I'm sitting here my songs are playing somewhere in the world probably a few times. Isn't that amazing? I'm kind of working while I'm sitting here not doing anything."

Being able to write with the people Bedingfield feels comfortable with is very important. She has a commitment to herself to be very honest in her songwriting, and with these guys, she can open up and "spill all the beans."

"For me, if I'm writing songs it's because it's harder to talk about things and easier to write it in a song — it's kind of hidden in symbolism and poetry."

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Natasha Bedingfield's latest album Pocketful Of Sunshine debuted on the Billboard 200 albums chart at No. 3 when it was released in February.

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More of the same — good or bad?

Sex And The City

Stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Cynthia Nixon, Kristin Davis
Director Michael Patrick King
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Without a doubt, the feature adaptation of Sex And The City is among the year's most highly-anticipated films. But it's also guaranteed to rekindle some of the he-said-she-said dust-ups the TV series sparked.

So Metro's film editor Kasia Iglinski and feature writer Chris Atchison are giving us their takes of the feature from either side of the gender divide.

We can reveal little of the plot for fear of spoiling its numerous surprises, but what we can say is that the film catches up with Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), Samantha (Kim Cattrall) and Charlotte (Kristin Davis) four years after the TV series finale — a veritable eternity in their fast-paced New York City lives. Of course, problems arise almost across the board — someone has an affair, someone gets jilted, and communication issues threaten to tear the foursome apart.

Luckily, it can all be sorted out with endless conversation and numerous shopping sprees. Oh, and Oscar-winner Jennifer Hudson (Dreamgirls) joins the cast as Carrie's assistant Louise.

CRAIG BLANKENHORN

Kristin Davis and Evan Handler star in Sex And The City.

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By **CHRIS ATCHISON**
for Metro Calgary

REVIEW **LEST I BE STRUNG UP** by my thumbs for panning the most female-friendly offering in the history of movies, let me start by saying that, for the most part, I liked it — just like I enjoyed the TV show.

Maybe that's because its basically a feature-length version of the show.

Yes, director Michael Patrick King is careful to preserve much of SATC's signature styling and pacing; and devotees will appreciate the seamless continuation of storyline and early plot twists setting up the action to follow.

But if you're looking for something groundbreaking,the way the series was groundbreaking when it launched in 1998, you won't find it.

Similarly, men like me who appreciated the series but were far from diehards will notice the lack of freshness amongst a cast of characters who seem remarkably self-aware, as if paying homage to their own quirks at every turn. And the addition of Jennifer Hudson is questionable.

So the film isn't bad. It's just a bit too familiar.

Maybe that's the point.

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By **KASIA IGLINSKI**
for Metro Calgary

REVIEW **I WAS A HUGE SEX AND THE** city fan. I was sad to see the show come to an end, and may have even let out a high-pitched, girlie screech when I heard our Manolo-shod foursome were headed for the big screen.

Admittedly, I was disappointed that the no-holds-barred sex chats from the series — which made female viewers crack up, and more than a few male viewers I know distinctly uncomfortable — didn't seem to continue. Moreover, there are a few scenes that drag, and I couldn't help but feel let down by one of the key characters by the film's end.

But on the whole, Sex And The City is what fans have been waiting for — just without as much sex.

Prince Caspian a flop?

Walt Disney Co. CEO Robert Iger said yesterday that The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian is underperforming at the box office because of competition from Iron Man and Indiana Jones.

Since its May 16 release, the Narnia sequel has earned $99.6 million in North America, according to Box Office Mojo.

Its 2005 predecessor, The Chronicles Of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe, had earned $122.7 million in the same period.

It went on to make date $291.7 million.

Disney originally had Caspian set for last Christmas, but delayed it in deference to The Water Horse: Legend Of The Deep, a fantasy vying for the same audience.

GETTY IMAGES

Actor Ben Barnes poses with fans during The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian Japan Premiere

The studio might also have been taking into account the feelings of Walden Media, its production partner on Narnia and the production company behind Water Horse.

That film, distributed by Sony, earned just $40 million domestically.

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Beverly Hills Cop comeback

Eddie Murphy to reprise role

If Indiana Jones can make a successful comeback after almost 20 years, why not the Beverly Hills Cop?

Paramount Pictures has given the go-ahead for a fourth installment of its Beverly Hills Cop franchise, with Eddie Murphy on board to return to the role that launched his movie career, the studio said yesterday. Brett Ratner, behind the similarly themed Rush Hour movies starring Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan, is in negotiations to direct the latest Beverly Hills Cop adventure.

Eddie Murphy

REUTERS

movie morsels

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

★★★★ (out of 5)

Film fans will smile when they hear John Williams' famed score and see that trademark fedora make its first appearance in 19 years, in an anticipated re-introduction to the greatest adventure character from the 1980's. The dialogue tends to plod at times and a few scenes are too far-fetched even for Dr. Jones, but The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull is still a joy.

CHRIS ATCHISON/METRO CALGARY

Indiana Jones continues to rock after 19 years.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS OSAMA BIN LADEN?

★★★

Morgan Spurlock (Super Size Me) takes on another international brand name, al Qaeda, in his Muslim world search for its elusive leader. Spurlock is earnest and charming, but the film's big revelation is no biggie — America has a big PR problem in the Middle East. Duh.

STEVE GOW/FOR METRO CALGARY

SPEED RACER

★★★

A family film created by the folks behind the Matrix movies, Speed Racer dazzles with intense colour and pop art visuals. Driver Emile Hirsch (Into the Wild) teams up with Racer-X (Matthew Fox of TV's Lost) to bankrupt the suits fixing races. Great performances, though, are overshadowed by visual bombardment.

STEVE GOW/ FOR METRO CALGARY

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN

★★★★

Oscar-nominated director Andrew Adamson (Shrek, Shrek 2) does a fine job bringing the second instalment of the Narnia Chronicles to life with a blend of old-fashioned sword fights and dazzling special effects. This is another well-casted, well-written entry in the series.

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The Strangers offers fright

The Strangers
Stars Liv Tyler, Scott Speedman
Director Bryan Bertino
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By **STEVE GOW**
for Metro Calgary

A return to a summer house in the woods goes awry for a couple in The Strangers.

REVIEW **THE STRANGERS** is probably not what you think it is. Oh sure, it's a horror movie about maniacal stalking killers, but if you're expecting something like Scream or The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, then you got another thing coming. And that's a good thing.

Liv Tyler (Lord of the Rings) and Scott Speedman (Weirdsville) play a couple returning to a summer house in the woods after a wedding reception. They don't seem too happy though.

Maybe that's because Kristen (Tyler) just rejected James' (Speedman) marriage proposal — that does tend to ruin the shindig.

Soon, the couple find themselves not just exposed emotionally, but also to a group of mask-wearing oddballs who slowly begin harassing them in the middle of the night. What they want, nobody knows, but by the time they cut off the phone lines, smash the only vehicle for escape and sneak into the house, you've chomped your fingernails down to the cuticle.

By the plot, that doesn't sound too shockingly original. Maybe it's not, but what first-time writer/director Bryan Bertino accomplishes is an incredibly calculated, intense suspense picture wrought with themes of fate and circumstance.

While successfully providing what-seems-to-take-forever moments of torment and anticipation, this "inspired by a true events" also explores notions of non-redemptive, societal violence.

When Kristen asks a killer why they're doing this, they simply reply: "Because you were home": This isn't just a horror flick; it's the No Country for Old Men of horror flicks.

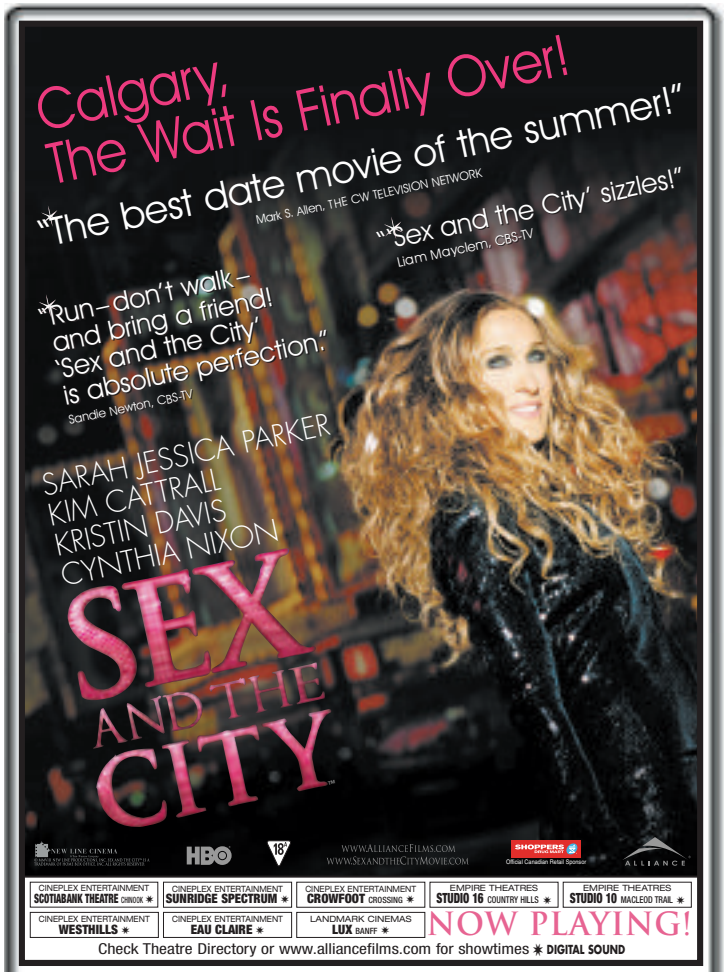
And, as if that isn't reason enough to see The Strangers, I defy anyone not to find a wheezy asthmatic in a homemade balaclava pretty damn terrifying.

Ouija game to hit big screen

TRANSFORMERS DIRECTOR WILL reunite with Hasbro to bring the toymaker's supernatural game Ouija Board to the big screen.

Bay will serve as a producer through his company Platinum Dunes, known for such horror remakes as The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, The Hitcher and The Amityville Horror. As a director, he was most recently in theatres with last summer's smash Transformers, based on the versatile Hasbro figures. Although details of the new film are being kept under wraps, it will be a supernatural adventure with the Ouija board playing an integral part. The movie is not taking a Jumanji-like approach, which involved a game coming to life.

While divination or spiritual boards have been around for centuries, they began being sold as novelty items in the late 1800s, with the first Ouija board, one with an alphabet on it, being patented in 1890. Players' fingers are placed on a small planchette that mysteriously moves to letters and numbers in order to spell out messages from beyond the earthly realm. **REUTERS**



Liv Tyler paid a physical price during the filming of The Strangers.

Living through The Strangers

Role deemed Tyler's most challenging

By **ANN-MARIE COLACINO**
for Metro Calgary

FEATURE IF WATCHING the physical turmoil Liv Tyler's character endures in the movie The Strangers seems all too real, that's because some of it is.

Described as one of her most challenging roles to date, the 30-year-old actress had to jump out of windows, crawl outdoors in the dark and run barefoot amid a movie set staged for terror.

"My whole body was kind of covered in bruises.

"I had burns on my feet from sliding against the floor and crawling against the floor that were still there after a year," explains Tyler, who plays Kristen, one part of a couple who gets terrorized by three masked strangers in a remote vacation home.

Well-known for her role as Arwen in the Lord of the Rings trilogy and appearances in father Steven Tyler's Aerosmith videos, Tyler says she's always been a horror flick fan.

"I'm a shallow jerk and I grew up obsessed with horror movies and loved them," she recalls, adding she used to watch Creepshow, Tales From the Crypt and the Twilight Zone with her mom.

Yet, Tyler doesn't consider The Strangers a "straight up horror movie."

She says what attracted her to the role was the relationship between the two main characters.

"The depth of the character (motivated me to take the role)... You feel for these characters and connect with them and understand them in a way that you wouldn't normally if that layer wasn't there.

"(Director Bryan Bertino) always says that this film is really just a drama, someone just happened to knock at the door."

So what scares her in real life?

"I grew up in Maine in my aunt's big house and I was always scared of the dark and scared of what's under my bed.

"I still to this day when I go into a hotel, I don't know why, I always look under the bed and I'm nervous to touch my feet down onto the ground... Am I weird?!" After taking a sabbatical following the birth of her two-year-old son, Milo, Tyler says she's excited to be working again.

However, she acknowledges that her job as an actress is sometimes frightening as well.

Yet, she assures, "I'm not afraid to face my fears... I actually like it. I like the challenge."

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3. Bridget Jones's Diary, right
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Everybody was Kung Fu fighting

... Well, the animals were anyway

By **CHRIS ATCHISON**
for Metro Calgary

FEATURE **FILMMAKERS** John Stevenson and Mark Osborne have long been martial arts movie fans, but they quickly learned there was a major difference between loving the genre and making a film using its many trademark conventions.

Add to that challenge the complex animation of a wide array of animals ranging from jungle cats to snakes, and one can begin to appreciate the difficult task the co-directors faced on the set of the new film Kung Fu Panda.

"All of our characters are animals and are furry," Stevenson points out.

"Doing fur well is a very complex and computer-processing intensive thing.

"Then there's the clothing with Chinese robes and things. You put fur and cloth together before they start doing anything else, you have these very difficult interactions which have to be taken (into consideration)."

When an overweight panda — Kung Fu Panda's protagonist — named Po (Jack Black) is deemed the 'Chosen One' in a prophecy, he must train under Master Shifu (Dustin Hoffman) to confront the evil warrior Tai Lung (Deadwood's Ian McShane) in a battle for the ages.

> *« Doing fur well is a very complex and computer-processing intensive thing. »*
> *Filmmaker John Stevenson*

The problem is, Po is a tad underqualified for the task and must first overcome hurdles such as his voracious appetite and general laziness before he can save China from Tai Lung's wrath.

To call this sort of undertaking an animated logistical nightmare would be an understatement, one made even more complex by the fact that those aforementioned animals engage in complicated and realistic martial arts moves based on the original five kung fu fighting styles: Crane, mantis, snake, tigress and monkey.

"The biggest challenge of all was not only to make our kung fu look great, but have a story significance and make sure we were telling a story throughout those fights so it wasn't just people fighting for the sake of cool fighting," the Oscar-nominated Osborne explains.

While the film is built entirely around Black's brand of humour, the co-directors approached the project from a unique perspective.

Their challenge was to blend comedy and genuine martial arts in a way that would please young audiences, as well as kung fu fans, without looking like a parody or a reinvention of the genre.

"(We thought) what if Akira Kurosawa shot a Jerry Lewis movie?" Osborne recalls.

"What about a great, epic, beautiful, real, formal kung fu world with this central character?

"With Jack being the impetus, it made it clear we could have these two worlds collide with each other and let the comedy come from that situation."

» Kung Fu Panda opens in theatres across Canada next Friday.

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Kung Fu Panda directors John Stevenson and Mark Osborne.

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Older, wiser, sexier

Parker feels cast, characters needed break

By **CHRIS ATCHISON**
for Metro Calgary

FEATURE **SHE'S FOUR YEARS** older, four years wiser and her return is four years overdue in the minds of fans.

But Sarah Jessica Parker says the wait to bring her beloved Carrie Bradshaw back to her legions of followers in a feature film adaptation of the hit television series Sex And The City was well-timed.

Parker feels the cast, crew and characters themselves needed those years to mature and forward Bradshaw's story in a way that would please fans and do justice to the series.

"I hope they like the choices we made in terms of the story that we told," Parker says. "I think (director) Michael Patrick King and I wanted to give (the fans) everything they thought they wanted and everything they didn't know they wanted and that was really to push on that bruise of despair and disappointment and really live in it."

"I'm very interested in the kind of experience it is to suffer loss and disappointment at 40 than it is at 20 and I think that's really what this movie is about, is being a grown-up and understanding your own complicity and disappointment and how friends are necessary and vital."

The film reunites Carrie with Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), Charlotte (Kristin Davis) and Samantha (Kim Cattrall) as they continue on with their lives in New York City — and in Samantha's case Los Angeles — but with a few plot twists that uproot their lives and put their friendship to the test.

The challenge with reviving a television show such as Sex And The City for the big screen, of course, is finding a way to make it relevant for fans who have been there since the very beginning and for those who may not have seen the show during its 1998-2004 run.

Then there is the relevance of the characters themselves, icons to some for their frank talk about sex, relationships and the realities of life as a woman juggling her personal and professional lives — not to mention ample talk of designer clothing and high-priced shoes.

"I don't know that they're relevant," Parker concedes. "I don't think that's for me to say ... I don't know how relevant they are or what the legacy of the show will or will not be, or the movie. I just know that I love this work and I love this job and I love these people so I wanted to give it one more shot before it was too late."

»Sex And The City opens in theatres today.

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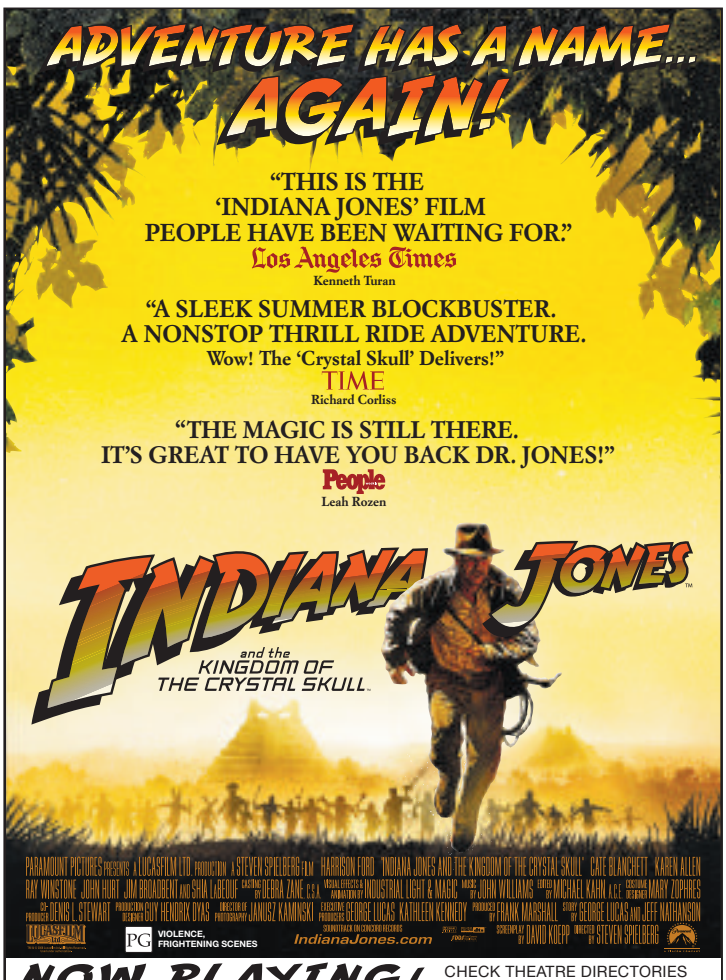
Actress Sarah Jessica Parker attends the after-party for the New York premiere of Sex And The City.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Blazing Saddles actor Harvey Korman, 81, dies

COMIC ACTOR Harvey Korman, who co-starred on the U.S. television classic The Carol Burnett Show in the 1960s and 1970s and in Blazing Saddles and other Mel Brooks movies, died Thursday at age 81.

Korman died of complications from a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm he suffered four months ago, according to a statement issued by the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center.

"It was a miracle in itself that he survived the incident at all," his daughter, Kate Korman, said in a statement.

"Everyone in the hospital referred to him as 'miracle man' because of his strong will and ability to bounce right back after several major operations. Tragically, after such a hard-fought battle he passed away," she added. **REUTERS**

Quote OF THE WEEK

"I love chest hair. Mm-hmm. I'm not saying I want a huge amount, but the right amount is very sexy. I don't like the smooth, hairless body."

— actress Cameron Diaz, on what sort of, uh, attributes she looks for in a man

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books

Rowling to release Potter prequel

NOVEL Harry Potter creator J.K. Rowling has written a prequel to her series of best-selling books — unravelling the story before her first novel Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone.

The Potter prequel comes almost a year after Rowling published the final installment of the story, Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows, which was released last year.

But fans of the boy wizard franchise will be disappointed to learn the new tale is not set for publication — it will instead be sold at auction next month to raise money for charity.

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Just a minute with Coppola

FEATURE **ELEANOR COPPOLA** is an accomplished documentary filmmaker, artist, writer and the wife of an icon of American cinema, Francis Ford Coppola.

They met on the film Dementia 13 in 1962 when she was the assistant art director and he was directing his first feature film.

Coppola has accompanied her husband on movie shoots around the world, giving her an insider's view of the ups and downs of filmmaking. In the Philippines for Apocalypse Now, she shot documentary footage for the Emmy Award-winning Hearts of Darkness: A Filmmaker's Apocalypse and kept a journal, released in 1979 as Notes on the Making of Apocalypse Now.

Her new book Notes On A Life, is an intimate portrait of her family that includes writer/director daughter Sofia Coppola (Lost In Translation). The 72-year-old Coppola talked about the book, being married to a famous director and the competing demands of career and family.

Q What was the impetus for doing this book?

A My mother wrote her thoughts on index cards for years. She filled shoeboxes with thousands of cards. I encouraged her to edit them. She always said she wasn't ready. Then the time came when she was no longer able — she's 99. I realized my nearly 30 years of notebooks were piling up.

Q Was it easy or hard going through old journals and deciding what to include, what to exclude?

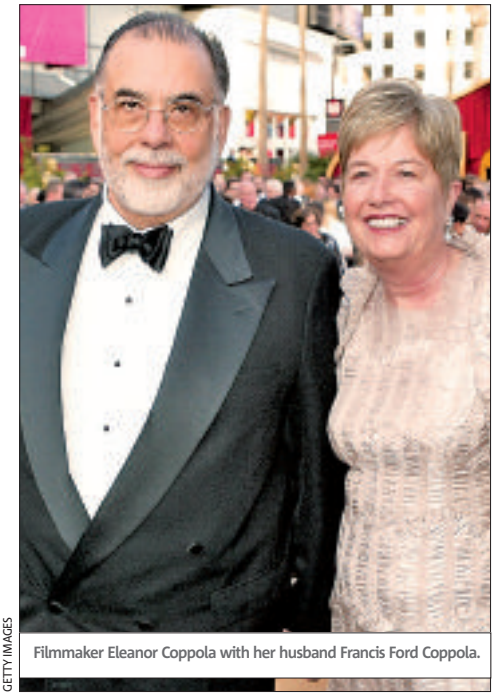
A I started by selecting the most complete pieces I'd written. I laughed, wept and was bored. Memories triggered searching for particular entries and then I'd find old pieces I'd forgotten, such as the trip in Japan to visit Akira Kurosawa. It was revelatory to see repeated patterns weaving through my life.

Q Can you talk about the problems of being married to a hugely successful, famous man, when you're a very accomplished artist in your own right?

A It's a challenge to find time for my own work with so many responsibilities and seductive opportunities in my life with Francis, our children, the winery and resorts. Of course there are pluses too, some doors open.

Q You often write about the frustration of following Francis around on a location where he's so excited and focused, while you have to deal with mundane issues. Do you feel that you sacrificed your own creative life to some extent?

A I may have gotten more of my art work done in other life circumstances, but going to far flung locations with Francis and our family enormously expanded my horizons. It gave me the opportunity to see life and art in other parts of the world and develop my critical thinking.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Filmmaker Eleanor Coppola with her husband Francis Ford Coppola.

Q There are times, such as on the set of Godfather III in Rome, when Francis is depressed and angry and takes it out on you. Did he ever read your journal or the rough draft of this book and ask you to make any changes?

A Francis read the finished manuscript in finished form and didn't ask for any changes.

Q Is it possible for a woman to have it all — a happy marriage, kids and a fulfilling career? Or does something have to give?

A Well, I see the current generation of young women doing a much better job than the women my age did.

My daughter and her friends seem to take for granted that this is their right. Still, it's not easy and requires a lot of skill editing and balancing the many demands. **REUTERS**

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SPEED RACER: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG) Fri-Tue 1-4-7-10
THE STRANGERS (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3-5:15-7:40-10:25
WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15-7:20-10:10
WWE ONE NIGHT STAND 2008 (STC) Sun 6

Harrison Ford, left, Shia LaBeouf and Karen Allen star in Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull, which is currently in theatres.

Shia LaBeouf in a scene from Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull, which is currently in theatres.

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FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (18A) Fri-Thu 3:15-7:10-10
HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (18A) Fri-Sat 3:10-7:05-9:50 Sun 3:10-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:10-7:05-9:50
INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG) Fri-Mon 12-12:30-1-3-3:30-4-6:45-7:30-7:50-9:45-10:30 Tue 12-12:30-3-3:30-4-6:45-7:30-7:50-9:45-10:30 Wed-Thu 12-12:30-1-3-3:30-4-6:45-7:30-7:50-9:45-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1
IRON MAN (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7-9:55
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SPEED RACER (PG) Fri-Thu 12
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THE STONE ANGEL (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:05-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 6-8:45
THE STRANGERS (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:50-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:50
WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:20-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:40

Harrison Ford in a scene from Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull, which is currently in theatres.

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tv watch

Heroes actor Greg Grunberg is reportedly interested in enrolling funnyman Ricky Gervais, left, into his celeb-studded group Band From TV. IMDB.COM

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Real Hills reality

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FAMOUS AIMLESS: I'd better come clean and admit that I find something fascinating about the phenomena that is The Hills — the most carefully staged, impossible to believe reality show ever broadcast, and the show whose strange production methodology might actually be the forerunner to a whole new way of making TV.

Gene Simmons Family Jewels, A&E's answer to The Osbournes, is another brilliant example of how to create TV using materials close at hand, and the bountiful resources offered by tie-ins, product placement and cover sponsorship, which underwrites production costs and provides the show with plot and locations. It seems altogether likely that the whole Kentucky Derby episode arc of the show was subsidized by the organizers of the famous horse race, and I don't even want to know about the contra deal that went into the multi-episode "Gene and Shannon get plastic surgery" storyline.

The Hills is a bit more subtle about its production machinery — its probably the most subtle thing about the show, to be honest — but the show's producers admitted to the New York Post this week that its presenting some unusual challenges for the show, which returns to MTV this August. "The show purposely leaves out the fame life and leaves in the non-fame life," said Tony DiSanto, MTV's head of programming. "It's not a documentary about Lauren (Conrad) who is a star because she's on a show called The Hills."

But that's exactly what it is, Tony, and they're finding it harder and harder to segregate the fame-induced aspects of the cast's lives from the non-famous ones, and DiSanto admits that the steady encroachment of the former on the latter is likely shortening the show's longevity. It won't be long until the average episode of The Hills is reduced to the following avant-garde drama:

SHOT: Lauren stands outside her house waiting for her driver, plays with iPhone.

CUT TO:

SHOT: Heidi brushes her teeth, examines the toothbrush, lifts her lip with her finger to examine her gumline.

CUT TO:

SHOT: Lauren is standing in the lineup at a Starbucks waiting for a grande chai latte when a camera flash makes her turn with a start.

CUT TO:

SHOT: Whitney Port watches Judge Judy with her maid, Esmeralda, while opening Fed-Ex packages full of perfume product samples, smelling each one briefly and giving the ones that make her grimace to the maid in her 2007 MTV Movie Awards t-shirt.

Lauren Conrad of the show The Hills.

Rick McGinnis has been writing about movies since you could still rent Beta tapes. He hasn't seen a western he didn't like.

television

'70s Show star sets up Baby Dolls

COMEDY MTV and former That '70s Show star Wilmer Valderrama are developing a scripted comedy dubbed Baby Dolls.

Told in faux-documentary style, Dolls centers on celebrity worship as told through the eyes of a naive and jaded personal assistant to a young actress.

documentary

Host joins CNN for Planet In Peril

REPORTING Oprah special correspondent and National Geographic host Lisa Ling will join CNN for a documentary that follows up on the network's Planet In Peril, reporting from countries where battles are being waged over oil, land, water and food. REUTERS

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Singer/songwriter Ivana Santilli.

Ivana's beauty indulgences

Ivana Santilli, singer/songwriter, her latest album, TO.NY, hits stores on June 10:

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Q What products make you look and feel good?

A When I allow myself the indulgence: La Mer face creams, Kiehl's for the body, Sebastian Shaper Zero hair spray and molding mud for my hair and Stila makeup.

Q Describe your style.

A Trends are not something to be followed, but merely seen as one of the many options. Fashion is what is out there. Style is what a woman chooses. At the moment, my preference is '79 rocker chic.

Q How do you keep life in perspective?

A I like to focus on family, friends, music, food and love. As I am very passionate, I'm learning to not react too quickly, focusing on the solutions as opposed to the mess.

Q How do you stay fit?

A Travelling keeps me quite fit. When I'm in Manhattan I walk everywhere. In Toronto, I take yoga classes that really kick my butt.

Q What are your healthy eating habits?

A I eat only fruit for breakfast. I eat food in as close a state as possible to natural and fresh. No fried foods, except for the guilty pleasure of my friends' French fries. I eat when I'm hungry, but I don't overeat.

Santilli likes to treat herself to Stila makeup.

Marcy Cornblum is a freelance journalist. She's developed up-close and personal relationships with celebrities including actors, musicians and television personalities.

Garbage rocker turns to TV

Manson

MUSICIAN Shirley Manson, lead singer with the rock group Garbage, has joined the cast of Fox's Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles, which begins its second season in the fall.

The flame-haired vocalist will play Catherine Weaver, the CEO of a cutting-edge high-tech company. The Terminator movie spinoff stars British actress Lena Headey in the title role and youngster Thomas Dekker as future rebel leader John Connor.

Garbage, famed for the tunes Only Happy When It Rains and Stupid Girl from its self-titled 1995 album, has been quiet since releasing a hits package last year. **REUTERS**

FRIDAY

	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 5/30/08	243	317 3 CFCN	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	Gossip Girl (N)		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Without a Trace		News (N)
	-	371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	2008 Scripps National Spelling Bee (HDTV)				20/20
	245	306 6 CBRT	22 Minutes	Just-Gags	Air Farce Live	Laughs	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	244	338 7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	Very Bad Men (N)		NUMB3RS "Contenders"		NUMB3RS "Hardball"		News Hour
	246	- 8 CKAL	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		Biography "Hugh Grant"		The Collector (DVS)		Your City
	119	705 9 CBXFT	Soccer L'Impact de Montréal contre les Timbers de Portland. En provenance du stade Saputo.						Le Téléjournal (N) (SC)		TJ Alberta
	-	372 12 KREM	News (N)	Hollywood	Friends	Scrubs	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		NUMB3RS "Hardball"		NUMB3RS
	-	374 14 KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Foreign	NOW on PBS	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Sissel
	-	370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Raymond	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Outrageous	Outrageous	Dateline NBC		
	-	373 22 KAYU	'70s Show	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Little Black Book ★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy)				News (N)
news	502	390 15 CBC	CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		fifth estate
	500	500 29 CNN	Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)				Larry King Live		Cooper 360
	501	391 52 CTV	CTV Newsnet Evening		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	NBA Basketball: Eastern Conf. Final -- Celtics at Pistons				SportsCentre		NASCAR Racing		Score Golf
	408	418 27 net	FullTiltPoker.net		MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. (Live)						Sportsnet Con.
family	552	543 20 YTV	Prank Patrol	Endurance	Ghost	Adrenaline Proj	Naruto	Naruto	Zatch Bell	Bleach	Death Note
	557	541 39 FAM	Zoey 101	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Minutemen (2008, Comedy) Jason Dolley.			Smart House ★★ (1999, Comedy)		
cable variety	-	- 18 CHTV	'70s Show	E News	Inside the Great Magazines		Dr. 90210 (N)		20/20		News (N)
	603	561 25 FOOD	Tasty Travels	Giada-Getaway	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner Impossible	The Heat	Iron Chef America		Tasty Travels
	615	520 26 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Speed Kills"		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Hell Night"		CSI: Miami
	617	522 32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis "Faint Hope"		Cold Squad		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
	520	505 35 DISC	Bone Detectives		A Haunting		Daily Planet		A Haunting		Bone Detec.
	628	584 43 SPIKE	UFC Fight Night				UFC Unleashed		MXC	MANswers	GameTrailers
	522	516 45 HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "Left for Dead"		Cities of the Underworld		Final 24		NCIS
	581	566 102 MTV	Shot at Love-Tila Tequila		Super Sweet	The Paper	MTV Shuffle		Shot at Love-Tila Tequila		Super Sweet

SATURDAY

	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 5/31/08	243	317 3 CFCN	W-FIVE-Reservation Soldiers		The Man Who Lost Himself (2005, Docudrama) (DVS)				Comedy Inc.	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	-	371 5 KXLY	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight		The Rookie ★★★ (2002, Drama) (HDTV) Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths.				
	245	306 6 CBRT	NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup -- Red Wings at Penguins				Rick Mercer	Comedy Fest	Superman II (1980, Science Fiction)		
	244	338 7 CICT	Andromeda		Mutant X		Andromeda		renegadepress	renegadepress	News (N)
	246	- 8 CKAL	Blood Ties (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries		The Snow Walker ★★ (2003, Adventure) Barry Pepper. (DVS)				
	119	705 9 CBXFT	Match	Un Crabe dans la tête ★★ (2001) David La Haye. (SC)				Cover Girl	Le Téléjournal	Pour l'amour du country (SC)	
	-	372 12 KREM	News (N)	Scrubs	Cold Case "Baby Blues"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		EliteXC Saturday Night Fights		
	-	374 14 KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show		May-December	Jack Benny	Von Ryan's Express ★★★ (1965, War) Frank Sinatra.				Best Pop
	-	370 16 KHQ	NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup -- Red Wings at Penguins				af2 Football Stockton Lightning at Spokane Shock. (Live)				
	-	373 22 KAYU	'70s Show	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		News (N)
news	502	390 15 CBC	Sat. Report	At Issue	Planet Earth		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	At Issue	Planet Earth
	500	500 29 CNN	Larry King Live		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Saturday Night
	501	391 52 CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	400	400 21 TSN	NBA Basketball: Western Conf. Final -- Lakers at Spurs				SportsCentre		Boxing: Bowe vs. Holyfield		Cagefighting
	408	418 27 net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. (Live)						Sportsnet Connected		FullTiltPoker
family	552	543 20 YTV	Unfabulous: The Best Trip (N)		Just Jordan (N)		Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	Adrenaline Proj	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.
	557	541 39 FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Ghostbusters ★★★ (1984, Comedy)		
cable variety	-	- 18 CHTV	E News	Naked Fashion	Movie				Out There	Out There	News (N)
	603	561 25 FOOD	Dinner Imposs.	Bobby Flay	Kitchen Nightmares		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Iron Chef America		Dinner Imposs.
	615	520 26 A&E	(6) The Andromeda Strain (2008, Science Fiction) Benjamin Bratt, Ricky Schroder.						The Andromeda Strain (2008)		
	617	522 32 SHOW	Another Day (2001, Suspense) Shannen Doherty.				Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict (2008, Drama)				Kenny-Spenny
	520	505 35 DISC	Deadliest Catch		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	MythBusters		Dirty Jobs		Criss Angel
	628	584 43 SPIKE	Ultimate Iceman: Liddell		UFC Unleashed (N)		TNA iMPACT!				Disorderly
	522	516 45 HIST	Re-Inventors	Urban Legends	Rome		Digging Up the Trenches		The Talented Mr. Ripley (1999, Drama)		
	581	566 102 MTV	Made "Ballroom Dancer"		Cribs	4REAL	MTV Screen	MTV e2	Made "Ballroom Dancer"		MTV Live

SUNDAY

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primetime 6/1/08	243	317 3 CFCN	The Hills (N)		Law & Order: SVU		Million Dollar Password		Cold Case "Boy Crazy"		News (N)
	-	371 5 KXLY	NBA Basketball: Eastern Conf. Final -- Pistons at Celtics				Extreme Makeover: Home		Your World	Edu Digital TV	Extreme Team
	245	306 6 CBRT	My Big Fat Greek Wedding		Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron ★★ (2002, Adventure)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Sneaker
	244	338 7 CICT	renegadepress	Family Guy	Shark "Wayne's World"		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	246	- 8 CKAL	Friends	Hates Chris	Funniest Home Videos		The Medallion ★★ (2003, Action) Jackie Chan.				Speakers Crnr.
	119	705 9 CBXFT	Découverte (N)	Aventure	Zone doc (N) (SC)		Les Tudor (HDTV) (N) (SC)		Le Téléjournal	La Dernière tentation du Christ	
	-	372 12 KREM	News (N)		60 Minutes		Million Dollar Password		Cold Case "Boy Crazy"		The Unit
	-	374 14 KSPS	Heartbeat		Nature (DVS)		Bertie & Elizabeth: Love			(10:40) Independent Lens	
	-	370 16 KHQ	News (N)	Wheel-Fortune	100 Most Outrageous Moments				Dateline NBC		
	-	373 22 KAYU	American Idol Rewind		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
news	502	390 15 CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		The Assassination of Bobby Kennedy			Our World	CBC News: Sunday Night		Assassination
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	408	418 27 net	(6) MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at New York Mets.				Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Connected		Fight Night
family	552	543 20 YTV	Are We There Yet? ★★ (2005, Comedy) Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr.					Prank Patrol	Falcon Beach		Falcon Beach
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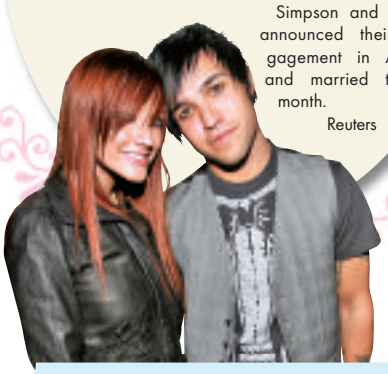
Ashlee confirms baby rumours

Singer Ashlee Simpson and her husband, rocker Pete Wentz, are expecting their first child, the couple have announced.

"While many have speculated about this, we wanted to wait until after the first trimester to officially confirm that we are expecting our first child. This is truly the most joyous time in our lives and we are excited to share the happy news and start our family," the couple said in a message posted on the social networking website friendsorenemies.com.

Simpson and Wentz announced their engagement in April and married this month.

Reuters



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Naomi charged

Supermodel Naomi Campbell has been charged with assaulting a police officer after a disturbance on a plane at Heathrow's new Terminal 5, British authorities said yesterday.

The 38-year-old faces a total of six charges relating to last month's incident on a stationary British Airways plane.

Campbell was escorted by police from the Los Angeles-bound flight after claiming one of her bags had gone missing.

The star was said by her lawyer to be "bitterly disappointed" about being charged in the incident, which happened during the days of chaos that followed the opening of the $8.48 billion US terminal.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and Scotland Yard confirmed the charges, after the New York-based Campbell answered bail at Heathrow police station in west London yesterday.

"Ms. Campbell has today been charged with three offences of assaulting a constable, one offence of disorderly conduct likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress and two offences of using threatening, abusive words or behaviour to cabin crew," a CPS statement said.

If convicted she faces up to six months in jail and a maximum fine of $10,000 for the alleged assault. She also faces a $5,000 fine if convicted of using threatening, abusive words or behaviour to cabin crew.

Campbell was granted bail and is due to appear at Uxbridge Magistrates Court, west London, next month.

Reuters

George, girlfriend call it quits

George Clooney and his girlfriend Sarah Larson have split up after a year of dating, People.com reports.

The actor's rep, Stan Rosenfield, would only say: "We do not comment on George's personal life."

The pair initially met in Las Vegas nearly four years ago, when Larson, a one-time Fear Factor winner, was a cocktail server at The Whiskey Bar. But it wasn't until the pair met for the second time in June 2007 in Las Vegas that sparks flew.

Larson, 29, and Clooney, 47, made their public debut together at the Venice and Deauville film festivals last September. Later that month, the twosome were injured in a motorcycle accident.

Earlier this year, Larson accompanied Clooney to the Oscars – the first girlfriend ever to go with him to the event.

Though there was speculation Clooney would end his longtime bachelorhood, in March the actor shot down talk of an engagement. Metro News Services

Leigh denies starring in sex tape

Grey's Anatomy star Chyler Leigh has laughed off reports she is the star of a new Internet sex tape, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who plays Lexie Grey on the hit medical drama, was purported to be shown naked in the bath in the clip.

But a spokesman for Leigh has pointed out differences between the woman in the footage and Leigh.

The representative tells TMZ.com that the woman in the video has a tongue ring but no tattoo on her back; Leigh doesn't have her tongue pierced and has had a tattoo on her back since the age of 19.

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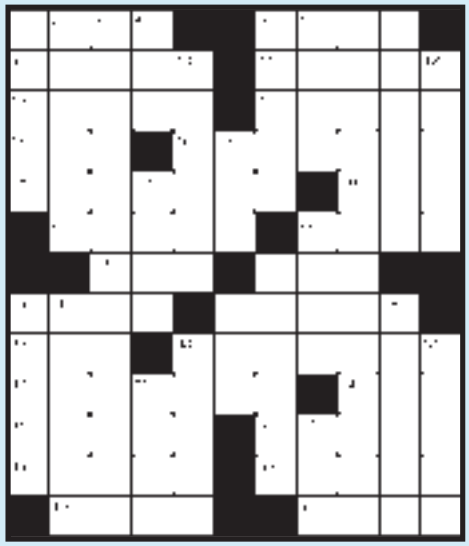

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2 Director's cry
3 Buoy, at times
4 Beer party need
5 Catalogs
6 Drop
7 DNA sequence
8 Blessed
10 Caught one's breath
12 Comfy places
17 Corn serving
19 Bird, to Brutus
22 Bothers
24 College in Poughkeepsie
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37 Brief time

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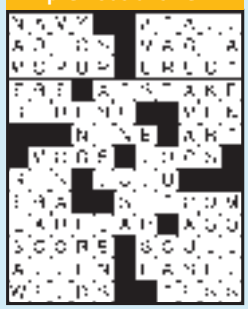

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9 Earthy color
11 Clarifying words
13 Cast's place
14 Because
15 Cassiterite yield
16 Bird dogs
18 Beethoven works
20 Asian holiday
21 At no time
22 Abets
23 Chapeau
24 Actor Morrow
25 Butters, perhaps
27 Coconut sources
29 Airport abbr.
30 Books of prayers
32 Euryale, Stheno and Medusa
34 Antique auto
35 Autographed
36 Crooked
38 Act part
39 "Deathtrap" co-star
40 Ages
41 Acceptability, in urban slang

STICKELERS
Terry Stickels
When I open my new math book, the product of the two numbered pages facing me is 2,756. What are the two page numbers?

Yesterday's Answer
The word is HYPERVENTILATION

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ARIES | March 21-April 20
Your ability to flabbergast others will be noted. Try to complete a project as soon as possible. A lapse in judgment terminates a meeting.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Fellow workers are pushy. Be more responsive to a gloomy person's needs. A wonderful transformation is coming soon.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Work on new techniques but don't change jobs. You'll find that interference is bothersome. Don't go beyond the bounds of good taste.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
Spread the news about someone's intentions. A crisis is weathered with ease. Express contradictions to a naughty person.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
A mechanical object breaks down. A former associate will lend a hand. Too many twists of fate will raise eyebrows.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
You'll enjoy throwing yourself into a labour of love. A woman's insight will mean much. Benefits increase when you think of the future.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
A profound love will stir your soul. You'll feel eager to move forward. A surprising offer will be made by a co-worker.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
A definite change is taking place. A jealous man wants to make a proposal. Don't try to fool anyone about anything.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Cheer up a friend who has the blahs. Strengthen a friendship with some revelations. Don't forget an important detail.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Changes are nasty when someone gets involved. Too much pickiness will vex you. A grumbler will speak the truth.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Don't make statements based on flimsy data. Find your lost hopes and fulfill them. A fabulous message will make you smile.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
You'll find a way to help a weirdo to fit in. Don't be surprised if work is interrupted. Be careful when traveling late in the day. AVATAR VENUS

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

5	6	7	1	3	9	4	8	2
8	2	3	4	7	6	9	5	1
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2	3	5	9	4	1	8	7	6
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This Day IN HISTORY

May 30, 1536: King Henry VIII of England marries Jane Seymour, a lady-in-waiting to his first two wives.

May 30, 1879: New York City's Gilmores Garden is renamed Madison Square Garden by William Henry Vanderbilt and is opened to the public at 26th Street and Madison Avenue.

May 30, 1917: Alexander I becomes king of Greece.

May 30, 1922: In Washington, D.C., the Lincoln Memorial is dedicated.

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Afternoon	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
40%			60%	70%
Thunder-showers. 21°	Variable. Low 8°	Mainly sunny. 20°/ 9°	Rain. 19°/ 9°	Rain. 18°/ 8°

Temperature
Normals
High: 18.4°
Low: 5.1°

Records
High: 32.4°/1986
Low: -3.3°/1917

Sunrise: 5:27 a.m.
Sunset: 9:40 p.m.
Moonrise: 2:54 a.m.
Moonset: 4:41 p.m.

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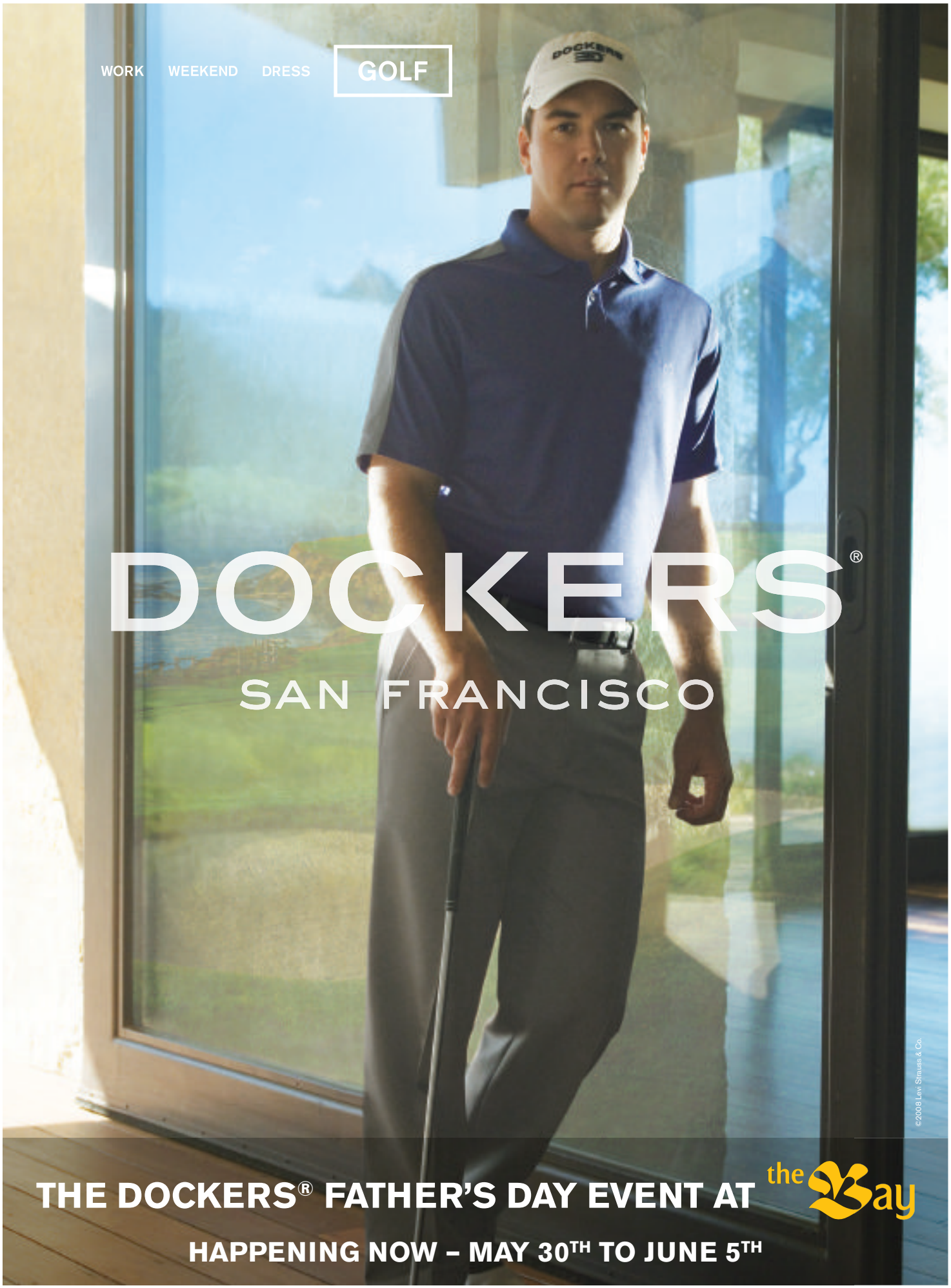
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